

Zoning Board of Adjustment 2013 Report

The Zoning Board of Adjustment's responsibility is to interpret the Zoning Ordinance to the best of its ability, granting relief to the applicant where appropriate, while taking into consideration the protection of the Town and the interests and safety of its residents. The ZBA had the duty of hearing numerous applicants' requests for variances, special exceptions and equitable waivers in 2013.

This year 23 applications came before the Board seeking relief from the Zoning Ordinance which was down from 27 applications in 2012; however, the Board also decided on 1 request for a waiver from the ZBA handbook as well as 4 rehearing requests.

	Applications	Relief Granted	Relief Denied
Special Exceptions	6	5	1
Variances	13	11	2
Equitable Waiver	2	2	-
Appeal from Administrative Decision	2	-	2

I would like to express appreciation to each of the Board and Alternate Board members for volunteering their time, effort and commitment; Laura Horning-Vice Chair, Zach Tripp-member, Kevin Taylor-member, Michael Thornton-member and Bob Pichette, Paul Butler, Joan Dargie and Len Harten-alternate members. Gratitude is also expressed to our recording secretary Peg Ouellette as well as to Kathy Bauer, BOS representative and the Community Development staff for their continued efforts in preparing applicants for our hearings.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month, if there are cases to be heard and the Board continually looks for volunteers who would be interested in becoming alternate members. It is an excellent way to serve the community and learn about land use. Interested individuals should contact the Office of Community Development at 249-0620, email Bill Parker, Zoning Administrator at bparker@milford.nh.gov or go to the website at www.milford.nh.gov to fill out a volunteer application.

Respectfully submitted,
Fletch Seagroves, Chairman